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SUPPLEMENT

- 25X1X 1. A meeting of SMA and SED leaders was held in the Central Secretariat of the SED, 24 February 1947, to consider political policy among railroad workers in the Russian Zone. 25X1

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- 25X1 2. [redacted] demanded stricter democratization of the railroads. There are too many Nazis, the workers are too conservative, political training is insufficient, administrative methods are antiquated, there is too little initiative, plant councillors do not know their jobs, trade unions are not active enough. [redacted] asked the SED for suggestions. 25X1

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3. [redacted] proposed the formation of transportation committees in the Central Secretariat and in Bezirk and Kreis SED organizations to consist of the local trade union leader (if he is a reliable SED member) and representatives of SED groups in the railroad directorates. These committees are to provide:

- a) Ideological control of workers,
- b) Political education of workers,
- c) Political education of plant councillors,
- d) Democratization of administration by removing Nazis and militarists and calling on all officials for public accounting to the workers.

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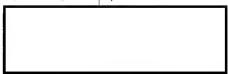


- e) Supervision of transportation plans and of the treatment of employees by the administration.
- f) Formation of "active brigades" in repair shops to attain highest production by voluntary work.

25X1 4. [redacted] reported that in some districts railroad officials had already given accountings to employees and that some SED groups had challenged others to voluntary production races. [redacted] stated that this last is most important, because at present some 3800 locomotives are completely damaged (46% of total number). Fitzner promised his support in the political reorganization program. 25X1

25X1 5. [redacted] that 53,733 Nazis have been dismissed from the railroad but that 38,084 are still employed, including 18,350 in the Beamte category. The Lieutenant Colonel from the SMA Transportation Division replied that security of transportation is the deciding factor in the dismissal of Nazis. [redacted] said that 25X1 the SED viewpoint on denazification is stated in the papers and that the SED adheres to this statement in regard to railroads, also.

25X1 6. It was unanimously agreed to form the transportation committees, directives for which are to be issued by the Central Secretariat. [redacted] expressed his approval of the proposals made and the action taken.



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